

NH Guard Makes Big Impact in the Big Easy



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Dawn Finniss)

As recovery efforts from Hurricane Katrina continue to improve, the NH National Guard is scaling back operations in Louisiana.

More than 400 NH Army and Air guardsmen are scheduled to return to NH over the next three days after serving two weeks in Louisiana helping to secure towns devastated by the hurricane. Many of them had just completed a tour of duty in Iraq or Afghanistan.

"Our citizen-soldiers have worked around the clock to bring a sense of hope back to the residents of Louisiana," said Maj. Gen. Kenneth Clark, adjutant general of the NH National Guard. "Our goal was to help make these areas safe again so residents could return and start the process of rebuilding their lives."

Of the nearly 500 NH guardsmen who were activated by Gov. John Lynch, 60 will remain in Louisiana. They will be augmented by a second rotation of 35 NH guardsmen who were mobilized over the weekend. They departed this morning from Pease Air National Guard Base in Newington.

The contingent of 100 NH guardsmen will continue to support security operations in Terrebonne Parish through the end of this month. Terrebonne Parish is southwest of New Orleans and has a population of 104,000+

"Morale is very good," said Master Sgt. Mark Forester of Amherst. "Everyone feels that they are doing an important mission. We have a purpose and it's not often that you get to do something bigger than yourself. The soldiers would like to do more."

Added Sgt. Chris Frontiers of Laconia, "When we first got here it was very quiet. Now, people are coming back to clean out their houses. They are glad to see us, and every day things are getting better."

Since 9/11, more than half of NH's 2,700 citizen-soldiers have deployed both at home and overseas in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

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NH Troops Answer The Call

Commander's Column

By Col. Richard Martell



This past month has been one of great pride for me. When challenged by Lt. Gen. Blum (Chief of the National Guard Bureau) to respond to the Hurricane Katrina disaster, this State showed that the citizen soldiers of the State of New Hampshire are some of the finest in the nation. Within hours of the call we had more than 450 citizen soldiers ready to go, and the 157 ARW planning staff had a plan in place to make it happen. Over a two-day period we:

- Housed and fed more than 350 N.H. Army National Guard personnel
- Flew numerous KC-135 sorties into Navy New Orleans Air Station delivering the troops
- Loaded and planned four C-5 airlifter sorties carrying vehicles and equipment to Louisiana All on a holiday weekend!

We finished our deployment of NH citizen soldiers on Sunday morning, and on Monday our crews airlifted the Massachusetts National Guard to the disaster site. We had also transported the responders from Vermont earlier in the week. Once the airlift of troops was complete, we switched gears and began the transport of water from McGuire AFB into Louisiana.

Strictly looking at numbers, the NH National Guard ranked ninth in the nation when comparing the size of our response force – a significant accomplishment for our small state!

Maj. Rob Burrus, our Wing Plans officer, said it best when he commented that it took us three months of planning to move a force of the same size to Volk Field. We accomplished the same planning and execution in less than 72 hours for this disaster relief – to me one of the 157th's finest moments!

Even while this was going on, we began the preparing and planning to house 500 "visitors" from the disaster zone – expecting to receive and house them for up to 96 hours. This plan is still currently on hold.

I have come to believe that there is no challenge that this Wing cannot take on and accomplish it with superb results. I also believe that the 157th is the finest Wing in the Nation!

I hope you are as proud of being a member of the 157th Air Refueling Wing as I am. You certainly deserve to be.

TAG Extends His Appreciation

"The following letter was sent out to the families of the New Hampshire National Guard on 3 September 2005, just as Army and Air Guardsmen began efforts to support the people of Louisiana in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina."

By Maj. Gen. Kenneth Clark

To the families of N.H. National Guard soldiers and airmen who are answering the call to duty,

The National Guard has never been tasked to respond to its calling in any manner like it has during the last three years.

The uniqueness of serving in the Guard is the commitment to support both local and federal emergencies. That is embodied in the oath to support and defend The Constitution of the United States and the orders of the President – as we are doing in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places around the globe; as well as the oath to support and defend the Constitution of the State of NH and the orders of the Governor. This goes back to our roots as a nation when we agreed to be a Federation of States

– thus the United States of America.

Under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, the Governors have agreed to support one another when a State needs assistance. This authority allows our members to support local law enforcement, an authority forbidden to the Active Duty except under a Presidential declaration of Martial Law.

Gov. Lynch was asked, and agreed, to send assistance to Louisiana and the members of the NHNG have responded. Approximately 488 of your guardsmen have actually deployed and hundreds more are working locally to support their deployment. It comes at a difficult time at the end of the short NH summer on a perfect weekend. I know that all of us have been touched by the absolute devastation to our fellow Citizens of the Gulf Coast and recognize our calling to assist.

I join the Governor in letting you know how much we understand the sacrifice that families and employers make at a time like this. We also recog-

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SPOUSES FLY FREE!



Come join us for a flight on our KC-135 Refuelers. Please contact MSgt Norma Long at 603-430-3507. All you need to do is fill out a form and wait for the next available flight. It's our way to say thank you for the support you provide your spouse.

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nize that any deployment brings with it risk and uncertainty. We are working hard to minimize impacts to families. Our soldiers and airmen all received Hepatitis A & B shots prior to deployment along with thorough briefings on health risks. Soldiers being asked to perform security duty are properly armed and briefed on Louisiana laws and the military rules of engagement.

The duration of the agreement to deploy troops is for 14 days and that is what their orders read. Any request to extend that tour will be very carefully considered and is not likely to be approved. We are not being asked to rebuild a city, only to insure that citizens are rescued and law and order is in place.

I appreciate the continued sacrifice of you and your families and hope that you are able to enjoy this beautiful holiday weekend. Please feel free to call us for any information that you need.

Maj. Gen. Kenneth Clark

The Adjutant General, NH National Guard

GUARD TALK CONTINUES

By (Ret.) Senior Master Sgt. Valerie Morgan

Dear Guard Talk Readers:

I created the Guard Talk feature back in 1991 because I truly enjoy sharing in all the wonderful achievements and accomplishments of our members and their families. I retired on September 30, 2005, but have decided to continue to write Guard Talk because of my passion for it. If you need help with a submission, I will be working part-time as an Employee Relations Assistant in the HRO office in Building 16. Please help me to keep Guard Talk alive and send your input to the new address and phone number in the title block listed on the back page.

Looking forward to hearing from all of you for many more years!

Sincerely,
Valerie Morgan

Family Program Updates

By Bonnie Rice, Family Program Coordinator

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FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

We will continue our regularly scheduled support group gathering for the families of our deployed members the second Wednesday of each month. Our next gathering will be Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. at Pease Air National Guard Base. The number of families that are planning to attend will determine the location. All families of deployed members are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in attending these meeting please RSVP to Bonnie Rice (ASAP), so the location and snacks can be planned.

The purpose of these meetings will be to give family members and significant others an opportunity to get to meet with key members of the 157th ARW as well as local counselors that are working with the 157ARW to assist deployed members and their loved ones. Everyone will be able to share news, express concerns, clarify or dispel rumors and work with the NHANG to support our deployed Airmen. As a team there is much we can do that we cannot do as individuals. Open communications will be a critical goal.

Our agenda for these meetings will include an icebreaker for families to get to know one another, snacks, conversations, and possibly guest speakers.

Please call the Family Readiness Office for further information.

FAMILY DAY

Due to circumstances beyond our control, our scheduled family day was cancelled. However, we need to thank several of our supporters for their contribution to our proposed family day. Donna Hall from SI International put forth several hours of her time to coordinate many of the donations that had been made. We want to thank Donna for all of her time and effort put into making our day a success. Additionally the two key event sponsors were SI International and Service Credit Union. Various other businesses and individuals gave donations and many of the base organizations offered to support our day's activities. Thank you to everyone who offered their support of the Wing family day.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Babysitting:

The American Red Cross has offered a babysitting course for our NH Air National Guard Youth – we currently have a class scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., however, that class is currently full. The Class size is limited to 10 participants. The class is being offered for youth ages 11-15. If there is additional interest, I will put together another class at the American Red Cross in Newington. Please call the Family Program to arrange for your youth to be added to another upcoming babysitting class.

Upcoming "Healthy Choices" Youth Event

Sunday, Oct. 9 is an educational Corn Maze Day at Beech Hill Farm in Hopkinton. The bus will leave Concord at 12:30 p.m. and return at 4:00 pm. The cost is \$2.00 a person. This event is for youth between the ages of 6-15. Check out the web site at beech-



hillfarm.com. RSVP is required to Staff Sgt. Janet Dow @ 227-1523 or janet.dow@nh.ngb.army.mil. If there is enough interest from youth in the Sea Coast area, we will have transportation from that location as well. Please note that for all the events that the "Counterdrug" conducts, they ask that the children wear sneakers or closed toed shoes.

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard MWR/ITT Information

Call MWR ITT today at (207) 438-2713 or (207) 438-1514 for further information. Currently at MWR/ITT they are taking registrations for their upcoming SNOW AWAY AT STOW Jan. 19-20 2006 – prices vary on packages chosen and also for the Caribbean Cruise, departing Jan. 29, 2006. MWR has Entertainment 2006 books available for purchase for \$25.00. MWR/ITT will soon have Boston Celtics and Bruins tickets available for purchase – be sure that you are on the Family Program mailing list to receive notifications regarding upcoming opportunities that they may have.

Military Discount Info

Remember to ask local businesses if they offer a military discount. You may be surprised at those that offer military discounts in your town.

The Family Program website is nhmilitaryfamily.com

Busy Bee Bates Covers It All UPAR Highlight

By Senior Airman Lindsey Watson-Kirwin



Master Sgt. Bill Bates is a busy man. He manages to balance a full time job in the Guard, part time job with Circuit City, Pease Honor Guard, and of course his family.

Bates is a personnel specialist for State Headquarters in Concord. Bates said, "We have three of us that support all of headquarters, the joint side and the air side." He works with Chief

Master Sgt. Jackie Page and Master Sgt. Marc Gagnon to support Col. Mark Sears. "We support the air staff with orders, approve and authority for special waivers, things that have to go to the TAG," said Bates. "Meritorious Service Medals, which are TAG approved come to us, we actually put the MSM on a MSM certificate. We actually write the order also." All three of them share responsibilities like security manager and client support administrator.

"I work part time at Circuit City, I've been there for five years," said Bates. "I actually started here in Portsmouth, when I transferred to Concord (state HQ) I transferred there too." Bates works in the warehouse unloading the trucks.

Bates has been a dedicated member of the Pease Honor Guard for the past five years. Bates said "I've seen it where we've done three funerals and we've had three teams going out all at once throughout the state." We're pretty stretched, at times, especially on drill weekend." But, even though it can be a somewhat demanding activity, Bates says he enjoys it. He has even earned an Achievement medal with the Honor Guard for doing over 50 details.

Bates said "There is training, I went down to Hanscom twice, they have a floating team that go throughout the US from Bolling. They came up and it's a week of pretty intense training. The normal course at Bolling is two weeks and they condense it down to five days to you the skills to be an honor guard member."

Another perk of Honor Guard for sports fans is doing details and games and races. Bates looks forward to the NASCAR details at Loudon Speedway. They also do details for Patriots games and soccer games.

Bates daughter Amanda, has one daughter and is currently training to be a medical technician in the clinic. Bates older daughter Tricia works in retail and has one son and one daughter. His wife Tammy works at a bank in Tamworth were they live.

Whew! What a busy bee Bates is!

The Honor in Honor Guard

By Master Sgt. William Bates

The primary mission of the Honor Guard is to provide funeral honors for anyone who has served honorably in the military. In addition, we also provide honor guard support at events such as the NASCAR Race, Patriots Game, and other community events where a military presence is appropriate.

To become a member of the Pease Air National Guard Honor Guard Team, your first step is to stop by the Honor Guard office and speak with Staff Sgt. Rob Rojeck, NCOIC of PANGB Honor Guard. He will provide you with an application and set up an interview. Once accepted, and after your initial training, you are encouraged to attend at least 6 practice sessions and 6 details per year. Technicians and AGRs are encouraged to attend at least 12 practices and 12 details per year.

Members are provided uniforms at no cost to them; however you are responsible for the upkeep and the proper wear of the uniform. Members of the Honor Guard are expected to practice, support, and show dedication to the team at all times. As a team member you are part of an elite group of Airmen who are our "Ambassadors in Blue". However, to be successful as a team, we rely on support from our supervisors and Unit Commanders to allow time away from our duties to practice and participate in Honor Guard functions.

The benefits of serving on the Honor Guard are not tangible, but extremely rewarding. It is important that we provide this service to honor our fallen comrade for their sacrifices to our country.

Thank you for your support!

In Honor Et Dignitate!



(Photo by Senior Airman Lindsey Watson-Kirwin)

Master Sgt. Bill Bates, Tech. Sgt. Ian Cundiff, Senior Airman Shane Hurd, and Staff Sgt. Regina Rockwood, march in the Aug. 6 Welcoming Parade in Portsmouth.

Potentially more money from GI Bill

By Master Sgt. Norma Long

There is a new program called Chapter 1607. On August drill letters were sent out to members who have been mobilized or on a MPA tour since 2003. If you did not receive information from me on drill or the mail, please contact my office ASAP. The program runs from Sept. 11, 2001. Bottom line you could receive more money for going to college through the GI Bill. The program is supposed to go into affect Oct. 1. It is great news for our reservist to receive more money for going to college. Member needs to sign a statement of entitlement. The letter and statement is posted in the public folders under Retention. This form will be maintained in their records. Member will need to mail in their DD Form 214 along with an application to see if they are eligible. Any member who was mobilized for 90 days or more may be eligible for Chapter 1607 benefits. A member can receive 48 months in any two programs. The only members that shouldn't be eligible are those that already received 48 months of combined benefits from two other programs (i.e. VEAP and Chapter 1606, or Chapter 30 and 1606, etc.) are not eligible for this program. The table below shows the rates for full-time institutional training under Chapter 1607.

Member Serves	Percentage of 3-Year Rate	Full-Time Chapter 1607 Rates for FY 06
90 days but less than One year	40%	\$401.60
One year but less than two years	60%	\$602.40
Two continuous years or more	80%	\$803.20

Effective October the reserve GI Bill Chapter 1606 increased to \$297 and the active duty GI Bill Chapter 30 increased to \$1034. Check the web at: WWW.GIBill.va.gov for other amounts. If you have questions on the above please contact Master Sgt. Norma Long or Tech. Sgt. Foggarty at x3507.

Satellite Family

By Master Sgt. Lawrence Abruzzesa



I am looking to form a satellite family programs group in the Manchester, Nashua and Concord areas.

Many times there are programs and assistance out at Pease, but the distance to the outlying areas make it difficult for people to participate in them. The satellite group would bring the programs out to the NHANG family.

It is open to all NHANG members and their families, relatives, friends and retirees. The purpose is to create an extended NHANG family network.

Activities would include anywhere from helping a spouse of a deployed member with snow removal, help with car trouble, a place to have questions answered, to having NHANG family gatherings and to encouraging local businesses to provide military discounts and participate in Military Mondays. The possibilities are limitless, it is anything the group decides. If you are interested in anyway please contact me: Master Sgt. Larry Abruzzesa, First Sergeant MXS, home telephone (603) 623-7671, e-mail: larry.Abruzzesa@fmcsa.dot.gov.

157th Airman competes for Airman of Year

By Master Sgt. John Symington



(NHANG Photo)

Senior Airman Jessica Bell from the 260th Air Traffic Control Squadron recently attended the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) International Convention in Dallas, Texas. After competing and winning at AFSA's Division 1 (encompassing the New England states and New York) earlier in the year, Bell was Division 1 nominee and competed against 14 other Air Force professionals from around the globe for the AFSA First Term Airman of the Year.

After a week of briefings and discussions which included lunch with the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray, the conference concluded with an Honors Banquet, which had Air Force Vice Chief of Staff General Moseley for a guest speaker and Country singer Blake Shelton for entertainment.

Bell is the AFSA Chapter 155 Airman Affairs Coordinator. This position is responsible for advising the board on matters that effect Airmen in the Chapter. She has also volunteered to assist in the creation and development of the Division 1 website.

Life in the LRS; Tech. Sgt. Conrad

By Tech. Sgt. Bev Wallace

"Life in the LRS" is a brief look into the Logistics Readiness Squadron. Each month we hope to feature an LRS person to let you know who we are, where we came from and what we do for you, our customer.

Our article this month features Tech. Sgt. James A. Conrad from our Policy's and Procedures Section. Jim is originally from Chicago, Illinois and currently resides in Laconia with his wife Laura and their two children Ashley and Ryan. On a full-time basis, Jim is employed by the New Hampshire State Police as a Homicide Detective. His duties as a traditional member include working in the Logistics Control Center and reviewing policies and

procedures. Jim has been in the military for eighteen years having served in the Marine Corps as an MP and Machinegun Section Leader, the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. He has been stationed at MCRD Parris Island, MCRD San Diego, Camp H.M. Smith, Camp Lejune, Diego Garcia, Okinawa, and the Philippines.

When asked what question he's asked most, he stated, "How do you like being in the Air National Guard?"

During his many years in the military, Jim has enjoyed the overall work experience, the people he has made friends with and the wonderful TDY experiences. His most memorable moment was flying a mission over the Adriatic Sea. Conrad is currently provid-



(NHANG Photo)

ing Supply Support while deployed at Balad Air Base, Iraq. Upon return you can stop by building 262, room 104 or give him a call at 430-2478 if you have any Logistics Policy and Procedures concerns.

LRS NCO Council takes charge

By Staff Sgt. Lisa Rowe

Providing leadership, continuous improvement in our squadron, and Esprit de Corps are just a few of the things the LRS NCO Council stands for.

Comprised of motivated E5 and E6 members, this voluntary group of individuals works hard to maintain a positive work environment for our squadron.

In less than two years of existence, the Council has tackled issues such as giving more recognition to deserving LRS troops, providing assistance in creating a squadron patch, welcoming new members, and most recently researching and performing a base Retreat ceremony.

With outstanding guidance from our 1st Sergeant John Symington, the NCO Council is led by Chair Tech. Sgt. Michael Berry who moderates meetings where we suggest, recommend, and identify ways to constantly make the LRS a great place to work. All members are expected to participate by bringing ideas to our meetings and be on the look out for positive ways to impact our squadron. The Council is additionally supported by Vice Chair Staff Sgt. Karen Diprizio and Secretary Staff Sgt. Lisa Rowe.

Our next meeting will be held on Oct. 1 at 11:00 a.m. in building 262 break room. Any E5 and E6 member of the LRS are welcome to attend, to see what we are all about. We hope to see you there!

AGR, MPA Medical Doc's

By Col. Gretchen Dunkelberger

Greetings All,

As we enter the AEF bucket and plan to deploy members, we are noticing a problem tracking medical care of our AGRs and MPA members.

If you are in either of these duty statuses, please ensure that you notify the Medical Group of any medical treatment you receive.

We have the ability to track things that happen at the Shipyard, however, if you are referred out to a specialist, please request copies of all medical documentation and send them to the clinic. (We have no visibility on this) This way we can track documentation if there are any billing issues, need for medical extensions and profiles.

As active duty members, the clinic is ultimately responsible for all of your medical care.

Thank you for your help in this matter.
Col D.

N.H. Guard responds as quickly as

Vezeau, Staff Sgt. Dawn Finniss and Senior Airman Curt Lenz)



and with the force as Katrina

(Photos By Staff Sgt. Aaron



The Recruiter Rap

By Senior Airman Darsy Cote and the recruiting staff

Recruiting Quote of the Day:

"Time is the wisest of all counselors." ~Pericles

Recruiting Events

The Recruiting Office will now be falling under MPF, as Capt. Wilson became the new Director of Personnel last month. The recruiting office and MPF have always worked closely in the past and now we will be a stronger chain for recruiting and retention.

In August the recruiting office lost yet another valuable member of the team. Tech. Sgt. Shannan Brown has retired and will be sorely missed. All of us here in the recruiting office wish her the best.

A temporary MPA tour was advertised to help fill the void in the wake of Tech. Sgt. Brown's retirement. Senior Airman Jonathan Day from Vehicle Operations was selected for the position and immediately become a great asset to our team. He visited a multitude of high schools and other events, and showed through his own personal experience that the New Hampshire Air National Guard can offer a rewarding career and exceptional educational benefits. His efforts and work ethic helped us through a difficult transitional time and we thank him for his enthusiasm and charisma.

Oct. 1 Apple Harvet Day in downtown Dover. Bring the family and friends! You may also take part in the day with the recruiting team. We encourage you to come with us, as volunteers are always welcome at these kinds of events. It shows the sense of pride that our people receive from serving in the Guard. It also allows for more career field exposure since there are around eighty different jobs available at Pease.

The recruiting team has lost two of its four recruiters, and now more than ever, needs support from troops that have benefited from our unit. Volunteering at events is usually a great time and can be very rewarding. Some will even change their view of the military after hearing the personal success stories from someone in uniform.

Please Welcome our Newest Members!

ARW

Staff Sgt. Daniel Henry Aug. 8

ATC 260th

Staff Sgt. Mark Darrigo Aug. 18

AGE

Airman 1st Class Russell Georgio Aug. 25



CES

Airman 1st Class Thomas Sutton Aug. 25

SFS

Staff Sgt. Armand Conti July 26
Senior Airman Gabriel Laplume Aug. 2

MXS

Staff Sgt. Jaime Hart Aug. 23

AMXS

Airman 1st Class Jacob A. Ricciotti Sept. 1

260th

Airman 1st Class Isacc Shreves Sept. 6

Want to earn some time off Paid?

We here at the Recruiting office know that having time off is a wonderful thing especially in the fall months. If you want to earn some easy time off, simply refer a friend! All you need to do is tell them about all the great benefits of the NH Air National Guard and show them the way to become a new member of the Guard. If they enlist, you get a paid day off and possibility a gift from the Recruiting Team as well.

Please contact our office at
1-800-257-9368



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Houle)

Senior Airman Darsy Cote, Senior Airman Johnathan Day, Master Sgt. Tom Eldridge and Senior Airman Lindsey Watson-Kirwin work at the Rochester Sky Haven Air Show.

Current Job Opportunities



AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER: Announcement #NH05-079 (A): Position # 06618
Maximum Military Grade: Staff Sgt. (Unless presently assigned to this section.)

Area of Consideration:

Area I: All excepted full-time permanent enlisted technicians of the NHNG Area II: All members of the New Hampshire National Guard Area III: All eligible to become members of the New Hampshire Air National Guard

Closing Date: Area I = 05 October 2005 and Area II/Area III= 12 October 2005

Location: 260th Air Traffic Control Squadron, Pease

Contact: MSgt John Symington, at DSN: 684-9348, commercial 603-225-1332, email john.symington@nh.ngb.army.mil

MEDICAL GROUP UNIT EDUCATION & TRAINING

MANAGER: The Medical Group is currently looking for a new Unit Education and Training Manager. The AFSC for this position is a 3S200 and the billet is a Technical Sgt. slot. For members that do not currently have this AFSC, the technical school is two months long. If interested please notify Master Sgt. Louis Currier (x 2340) or Col. Gretchen Dunkelberger (x2496).

WING HUMAN RESOURCES ADVISOR VACANCY:

Location: Wing Staff/Military Equal Opportunity (MEO), Pease ANGB NH 03803-0157

Existing E-8, or E-7 members who fulfill all requirements for promotion to E-8 can apply.

Deadline to apply is Oct. 31, 2005

Job Description: This individual will work under the direction and supervision of Lt. Col. Marc

Schwartz, the Wing Military Equal

Opportunity Chief.

This is an E-8 posi-

tion and requires no specific AFSC to be eligible to apply, however, the selected individual must successfully complete the HRA Course to be appointed. The position requires some travel to required workshops and conferences and the initial length of tour is three years.

Duties and Responsibilities: The Wing HRA role is to maintain liaison and facilitate team relations with the Wing Commander, Wing Command Staff, Director of Personnel, State HRA, Wing & State CCM, First Sergeants, Recruiting & Retention, and Public Affairs. The Wing HRA advises the Wing Commander on issues regarding the organization's culture and climate, and promotes quality of life issues having an impact on members.

The person selected for this position provides advice and counsel on human resource planning and management issues, and provides information to senior leadership on force management and strength management initiatives. The Wing HRA is responsible for diversity education and awareness training, and serves as the coordinator and focal point for the Mission Driven Mentoring Program.

To apply for this position, please send a cover letter and resume via e-mail to

marc.schwartz@nhpeas.ang.af.mil

Other job postings are available at

www.nhpeas.ang.af.mil/hro/JOBS/index.htm.

Or for all states at

www.neguard.com/jobs/Docs/statepoc.htm

Thornhill Inducted to the Chiefs Group during Sept. UTA

By Staff Sgt. Angela Skinner



(Photo by Tech. Sgt. Angela Skinner)

On Sunday of the September drill, there was a promotion ceremony narrated by Senior Master Sgt. Mike Yeager to honor the new Chief Master Sgt., Tim Thornhill.

Thornhill's family – his wife, Celia; his son Chris with girlfriend Katie, Celia and Tim's granddaughter Candice all attended the ceremony as well as Master Sgt. Lloyd Sales and his wife Nancy and several other friends of the family as well as several distinguished guests.

Major Mike Busby promoted

Thornhill to the rank of Chief Master Sgt. as Yeager read the promotion order.

Thornhill's wife and Maj. Busby were then asked to pin the new rank on to the Chief. After the pinning, Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Carter conducted the Chief Induction Ceremony, Chief Nadeau presented Thornhill with his certificate, Chief Eaton with his coin, and Chief Sneirson with the Chief's hat.

Friends and family then shared in their congratulations for the new Chief.

Pease Kid Corps delivers happiness

For a number of years Pease has worked with Make A Wish and other charitable organizations/programs to bring children on base and provide them with a fun day. Due to the unfortunate events of Sept. 11, we had to put such programs on hold. However, we have recently been able to start these programs up again. Maj. T.C. Blake heads up the "Pease Kids Corp" program. Here are just a few wonderful examples of such a day.



(NHANG Photo)

Dear Donna & Make a Wish family,

" Words can't even begin to describe the gratitude for the memories you've given to us today. The kindness of all the men and women who were involved in today's adventure goes beyond belief. Christine hasn't stopped smiling yet and it is 7:30 pm! The gifts that were given to her today

are just incredible. Not just the physical ones, but the emotional ones as well. She is amazed that all that was done for her. "Little Christine Downs from Pelham" Everyone was so kind and gracious and even with them being in their uniforms in the heat, and Jenn and you having to travel, you all truly made us all feel special and very welcome. I don't know how to thank you all Donna for all you and the Make a Wish family have done for us. I want you to know we are truly grateful for the many memories you have given our family and how special you make my daughter feel."

Sincerely,
Danielle Downs

Dear Col. Richard P. Martell:

It is with the most sincere thanks that we write this letter to you and your men. You all did something so wonderful...you allowed Trevor and our entire family to forget about living with cystic fibrosis for a whole afternoon. It was glorious!

There is no way we can ever repay your kindnesses. Trevor had an absolute ball being a fireman for a day—he took his job very seriously. I'm sure that if you quizzed him about any part of the day he would amaze you with his

recall. As parents we stood by in awe that so many people could all dazzle him (& us) with so many things to do.

Trevor is at a tricky stage with CF. He understands now that he is different from others and that because of this he gets attention sometimes. Welcomed attention, such as yours, and unwelcome attention, too, like at school when he has to eat meds before his snack. I know that he adored his afternoon at your station and I hope we, as parents, can do a good job making him both comfortable and content in his battle with CF as he grows up.

Trevor is a fighter who will benefit from all that his team, Team Trevor, does for him and for CF during his lifetime. You all are our heroes and we look forward to having Trevor remain part of your team as he grows up.

I'm enclosing some pictures that I put on magnets for the refrigerator of the following men. Please extend our thanks to them for their kind hospitality, creativity, and generosity. They are:

Lieutenant Marc Chappell
Captain Terry McDonnell
FF Chris Cole
FF Jeremy Nicol
FF Jeff Mullin
FF Bob Lewis
FF John Shaffer
FF Doug Houston
FF John Correia

Thank you again from Trevor and the rest of us.

Sincerely yours,
Christie Salema



(NHANG Photo)

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Dear Colonel Monahan:

(NHANG Photo)

Today our family had the most incredible time on your base. Major T.C. Blake and Make-A-Wish volunteer Steve Mungovan organized a day we will not soon forget. The memories made with them and the countless others who sacrificed of their time and talents for us today will last a life time.

We were met at the front gate by Captain Ed Doherty and members of the Fire Dept. After giving Ben and Sam perfectly fitted flight jackets, Captain Doherty's team took the boys on a fire truck ride. As the truck slowly made its way through the base with lights on and sirens blaring, I was so touched to see base personnel in fatigues coming out to wave to us all along the route. At the Fire House Ben and Sam were able to go out onto the field in a truck and play with what they considered the world's greatest water gun!

After all the imaginary fires were extinguished, Major Blake took us to the Engine Shop where Sgt. Clem Boutin and Kayla Bouchard made Ben and Sam honorary technicians of the 157th Jet Propulsion Shop. After teaching them how to change an ignition plug in one of the engines, Sgt. Boutin presented Ben and Sam with beautifully handcrafted and personalized plaques of the State of New Hampshire.

The Survival Shop was our next stop. Sgt. Rich Wachter and his team allowed Ben, Sam and my daughter Lydia to inflate and play on all kinds of cool life craft. The children were also able to try on and hang from a parachute jacket. There the boys were presented with personalized rigger plaques that were hand-made by Sgt. Fred Louis.

Chief Mike Bascom and his team, including Jamie Watson, took us on a tour of the Life Support area next. The children were amazed with all of the cool Darth-Vader helmets. They were especially pleased to find their names on one of the cubbies in the cabinets and to learn that they would be able to take home helmets of their own!

Next on the agenda was a BBQ at the operations building. There we had lunch with Colonel Carol Protzmann and many of the

KC-135 pilots and booms, all of whom signed Ben and Sam's helmets. Chief Carl Snierston did an awesome job with the BBQ and everyone sang happy birthday to Lydia who turned 6 today. At the end of our lunch Major Blake presented me with an American Flag that was flown aboard a KC-135R during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Tears filled my eyes as I accepted this gift and thought of all the military and civilian personnel who are still in harms way as a result of the international war against terrorism. My cousin is working for a civilian contractor in Iraq right now. We will frame the flag and certificate and hang it in a place of honor in our home.

We were then able to watch a plane take off and another one land. Ben and Sam were given personalized ear gear and paddles to marshal in a plane. How fun to see these two little boys out on that big runway marshalling in that huge plane! All the ground and flight crew signed their paddles—what keepsakes!

Next was a tour of a KC-135 Tanker Aircraft. As we walked around the plane, the crew pointed out the boom and then walked us over to the front of the aircraft where we were so astonished to see Ben and Sam's names painted in stars on the outside of the plane. What a true honor and privilege to have our boys' names painted on one of these planes.

After a tour of the inside of the aircraft, T.C. and Steve took us to Flight Safety Services where Site Manager Mr. Steven "Oak" Randolph graciously allowed the boys to help Major Blake take off and land the flight simulator. Major Blake was brave enough to go into the simulator with all three children while we waited in Oak's office. Evidently 9-year old Ben was a great co-pilot, but 7-year old Sam found a way to hit the infamous red button and shut the entire system down. T.C. commented that with over 10,000 hours of flight time, he couldn't keep up with little Sammy's fingers—that's our boy! Oak and T.C. graciously allowed Sammy a 2nd chance to fly the simulator. He especially loved flying through (not over) the mountains and straight into the terminal.

On another note, my in-laws were able to join us on our tour of Pease today. My father in-law, Bob Safford, is a retired USAF Lieutenant Colonel who flew in WW II, Korea and Vietnam. What a special treat for us to be able to tour the base with them. The special memories and stories they shared with us made the day even more special.

I can't tell you what today has meant to the boys and to our entire family. The mementos that were given to us and the memories that were made are precious and so special. Living with a life-threatening, chronic illness can be a difficult and lonely road for a family to travel. And yet, it is people like T.C., Steve and others we met today who make the journey not only bearable, but actually enjoyable. Our family was truly blessed by your staff today. Please extend our thanks to each and every one. We wish you God's richest blessings; we will certainly keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely, Lori Safford

(NHANG Photo)

Thanks to the Family Program, several Air and Army National Guard youth were given the opportunity to visit the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in August to tour one of the ships that was in Port, the USS Ross. These children had a once in a lifetime experience touring the ship that is sure to not be soon forgotten. If you are interested giving these opportunities to your guard youth, be sure to have your name added to the family program email listing to receive notices of upcoming activities by contacting Bonnie Rice, Family Readiness Program Coordinator at 603-430-3545 or via email at bonnielee.rice@nhpeas.af.mil



Oct. UTA Menu



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Dawn Finniss)

Saturday: (Mobile Kitchen Trailer Training)

MKT Lines:

Swedish Meatballs over Pasta
Asparagus

In the Dining Room:

Tomato Soup
Salad Bar
Assorted desserts
Meal Price \$3.50

Sunday: (Mobile Kitchen Trailer Training)

MKT Lines:

Savory Baked Chicken
Vegetable Stir Fry
Rice Pilaf

In the Dining Room:

Beef Noodle Soup
Salad Bar
Assorted desserts
Meal Price \$3.50



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Dawn Finniss)

(From left to right) Staff Sgt. Joe Samson and Senior Airman Christopher J. Stafford of the 157th Services Flight fill a M2 burner unit with gas prior to conducting their annual required field condition training on the burners used in the Mobile Kitchen Trailer (MKT). The MKT is just that, a mobile kitchen trailer that can be shipped or dropped into just about any austere environment and be set up and ready to provide hot, nutritious meals for the troops, feeding at least 250 people at a time.

Finally, Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Summarized

By Master Sgt. Kevin P. McElroy

TSP just released a new booklet: "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan" (24 pages). It's been a long time coming and incorporates drastic changes made over the past few years.

It's includes new "pointers" in the margins and information on the new L-Fund, and much more great information and is a great reference for all employees.

It supersedes all prior versions of "Summary of Thrift Savings

Plan for Federal Employees" and "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services"

The new booklet is available at: <http://www.tsp.gov/cgi-bin/byte-server.cgi/forms/tspb08.pdf>

NHANG TEAM PARTICIPATES IN MARKSMANSHIP MATCH

By Maj. Russ Morin



During the weekend of Aug. 27-28, some of the best shots in the New Hampshire National Guard were competing with their assigned weapons to improve their marksmanship skills as well as win bragging

rights for 2005.

Lt. Col. Steve Robison, NH AF EPLO, Maj. Russ Morin, JFHQ-NH/Air, and Senior Airman Steve Kawonczyk, KC-135 Crew Chief, competed as the Air National Guard Team.

The day started early Saturday with the M-16 from the 300 yard line to start Match 321, Excellence-in-Competition Rifle. This is a timed match firing from 300 to 25 yards in the prone, kneeling, sitting as well as standing positions.

The next match fired was Match 605, Close Quarters Battle. Competitors start from the 100 yard line sitting, 75 yards Kneeling or squatting, 50 yards standing and 25 yards standing. At 25 yards, competitors need to fire four accurate shot on target in three (3) seconds! The whole target only measures 18 X 18 inches.

Sunday competition included the M-9 from 15 yards. Stage 1 was the anti-body armor phase. This simulates a charging soldier wearing body armor who must be stopped. Stage 2 was "multiple Target Engagement", where competitors fired on up to four (4) different targets in a timed match.

The next match was the Falling Plates Match. Competitors fire as a 4 person team. Each team has 24 rounds to shoot ten (10) 4 inch targets from 15 Meters. Teams had to secure a pistol, load a magazine, and drop as many target as possible in the quickest time. The RTI team lost a spirited match to the ANG team anchored by "Dead-eye" Lt. Col. Steve Robison.

The Awards ceremony was led by Maj. Gen. Clark, The Adjutant General, presented the Remington team trophy to the 744th Troop Command team.

Clark spoke of his conversations with returning troops and the importance they placed on their marksmanship skills while deployed. Clark challenged each competitor to take the lessons learned during the weekend training events and apply them to their own career as well as pass the knowledge to others.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Air National Guard Marksmanship Team, contact Maj. Russ Morin at 603-885-5713.

Helping heroes phone home, one step at a time

By Tech. Sgt. Wayne J. Georgiana



Operation Uplink is a Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the Ladies Auxiliary program that provides free phone cards to military personnel and hospitalized veterans all over the world.

This program is solely funded from donations and is in serious funding short falls due to the increasing number of military members being called away from their families. Since 1996,

Operation Uplink has distributed more than 3.5 million phone cards, half of which have been distributed since the war on terrorism began.

How you can help.

Donate money or participate in the 3rd Annual 5K Road Race and family fun Walk. It will be held Sunday, November 13, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

*First 250 applicants receive a long sleeve T-shirt and some exciting bag stuffers.

*Entry Fee is \$20.00 pre-race day; \$22.00 race day

*Make check payable to: Operation Uplink/VFW post 8214

*Mail check to Operation Uplink 5K, PO Box 5394, Manchester, NH 03103

-OR-

Drop off at Runners Alley, 104 Congress St. Portsmouth, NH or

36 Hanover St. Manchester, NH
*for Online Registration and more information visit:
www.manchesterfirefighters.org

There will be a large raffle following the awards presentation. Exciting prizes drawn by random bib numbers but you MUST be present to win.

Awards will be presented for 1st overall male and female, top 3 males and females in each age group, top male and female public safety personnel, top team open male, open female and open mixed.





Guard Talk

by (ret.) Senior Master Sgt. Valerie Morgan
Employee Relations Assistant

*Guard Talk welcomes your submissions. If you have something interesting or a special event that you'd like to share, please give me a call at tel: (603) 430-3121, fax: 430-3139 or drop a line to 157 ARW/HRO Bldg 16, 302 Newmarket Street, Pease ANGB, NH 03803-0157
E-mail: valerie.morgan@NHPEAS.ANG.AF.MIL*

- **Paul Gagnon (Ret SFS)** is serving as a U.S. Immigration Judge in Boston. From 1993 to 2001, he served as the US Attorney for N.H., appointed by Former President Clinton. Paul tells us that he rides Concord Trailways every day to work. "It's the best commute I've ever had!" He lives in Manchester with his wife, **Cathy**, who is the registrar at Central High School. They have two daughters, **Nicole**, 22, a 2005 UNH graduate, and **Amy**, 20, a junior at UNH majoring in Marketing and Public Relations. The family also includes their three dogs, **Spike**, a five year old Beagle, Rusty, an eight year old Norfolk Terrier, and **Lillian**, a one year old Chihuahua. Paul and Cathy enjoy playing golf in their spare time. Paul retired from the NHANG in 1992. At the time of his retirement, he served as the Commander of the Security Forces Squadron. By the way, Paul's brother, **Marc Gagnon**, is

a full-time technician in JFHQS.

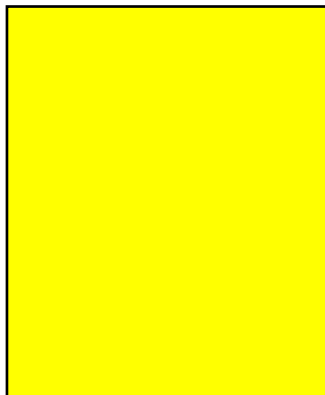
- Congratulations to **Dorothy "Dee" Lafont (Ret LRS)** who received her Master's Degree in Education from Plymouth State University in August. Dee will participate in the formal graduation ceremony in May 2006. She received her BS in Business Management from Wilmington College in New Castle, Delaware in 1988. Dee served as the Training Manager for the Logistics Readiness Squadron for several years before retiring in June 2003. In her spare time, Dee enjoys running and has been preparing for a half-marathon in Portland, Maine in October. She lives in Lee with her husband, **Pete**, a former member of the NHANG, and their seven year old Black Lab/Belgian Shepherd mix dog, **Dory**. Dee tells us that "Dory deserves an honorary degree because she had to listen to all the papers I had to write while

laying across my feet."

- Congratulations to **Rebecca West Manning**, daughter of **Nancy and Dave West (Ret MXS)**, and her husband, **Walter**, on the birth of their second child, **Jacob David**, who was born on Aug. 10 at 1:16 p.m. Baby Jacob weighed in at 6 lbs 13 oz and measured 20 inches long. His big brother, **Nicholas**, just turned three on July 31. Rebecca works part-time in the office at Harris Hill Nursing Home in Concord. Walter is a Chef at Pleasant View Retirement Home in Concord. The Mannings make their home in Loudon.

- Fond farewell wishes are extended to **Lindsey Watson-Kirwin (PA)** who recently transferred to the 134th ARW in Knoxville, Tennessee. Lindsey enlisted in the NHANG in January 2003, and did a marvelous job in Public Affairs here at Pease. She provided full-time support to the office for the past two and a half years and is sorely missed. This young lady purchased a three-bedroom home in Knoxville, about a 15 minute ride to the base at McGhee-Tyson, where she will be assigned to the PA Section. Lindsey tells us, "I'll miss you guys but I won't miss the winters!" Lindsey has a five month old Pug named **Bugsy** who has relocated with her. THAT'S ALL FOR THIS TIME, FOLKS! SEE YOU IN NOVEBER!

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